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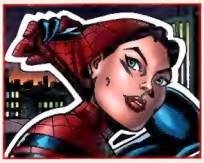

INFO

NAME:	Mayday Parker
LOCATION:	Forest Hills, Queens
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RELATIONSHIP:	Proudly Single
MOOD:	Determined ☹

STATUS

The name's May "Mayday" Parker, and I'm the webbed wonder known as The Spectacular SPIDER-GIRL! I discovered I have a clone - the family took her in and she's taken on the guise of April Reilly, our cousin. But April was raised in a test tube and has no clue how civilized society works.

So I took her under my wing and taught her how to use her powers responsibly - until Tombstone beat me into a coma. I've no clue what happened next, but if she went after Tombstone...I can't imagine it ended peacefully. And who knows who of my rogue's gallery she ran up against.

I had my own problems...I escaped a monster in the Jersey woods and got home to find Fury, the Goblin Queen, a superpowered maniac dedicated to the keeping the twisted legacy of Norman Osborn alive, had attacked my school and kidnapped Simone DeSantos, a girl I may not like but sure doesn't deserve kidnapping.

With the help of my pal Darkdevil, I tracked Fury to her base of operations...only to find she'd kidnapped April and turned her to the dark side. April's fragile...and worse, powered by the Venom Symbiote. Whatever happens next, it's gonna get messy.

PHOTOS

FRIENDS & FREAKS

DAD

MOM

APRIL

CAPTAIN RUIZ

TOMBSTONE

SILVERBACK

BENJY

WES

DAVIDA

DARKDEVIL

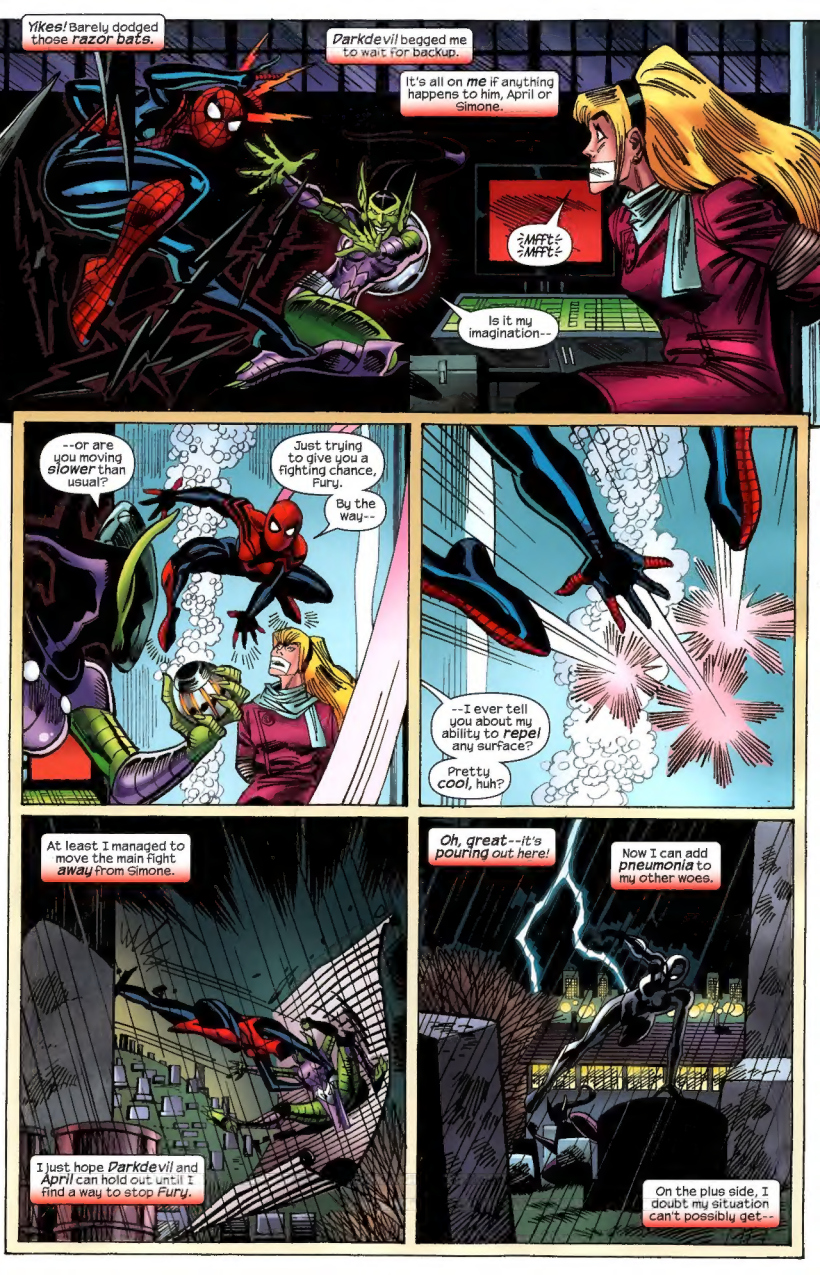
KAINE

FURY

the SPECTACULAR SPIDER-GIRL

My name is May "Mayday" Parker and I'm the daughter of Spider-Man.
My old enemy Fury, the Goblin Queen is up to her usual fun and games.
She may have murdered the girl who called herself Gwen Reilly--
--declared war on the Goblin Cult--
--attacked my high school rival's dad--
--and kidnapped both Simone DeSantos and my clone, April.
(Although it's also possible I'm April's clone.)
THEY FIRST MAKE MAD!
To add to my misery, I'm working without web-shooters--
--wanted by the police--
--on the verge of exhaustion--

--and APRIL has suddenly joined FURY!
What's wrong with you, girl?
Spider-Girl and I came to rescue you.
And you're doing a heck of a job!
Hold still!
This'll only hurt for a moment.
Just long enough for me to chop you into little bitty pieces.
Swell! You're a clone with the powers of an alien symbiote--
--and I was almost killed the last time I battled a symbiote.
There won't be any almost with me!
And, just so we're clear, I'm the original.
The other Spider-Girl's the clone.
Is that what this is all about?
Some kind of psycho sibling rivalry?
Nope, not even close.
See this collar? It's a bomb. Fury's got control over it -- so I'm on her side till I hear otherwise!


Yikes! Barely dodged those razor bats.
Darkdevil begged me to wait for backup.
It's all on me if anything happens to him, April or Simone.
:MAFT:
:MAFT:
Is it my imagination--
--or are you moving slower than usual?
Just trying to give you a fighting chance, Fury.
By the way--
--I ever tell you about my ability to repel any surface?
Pretty cool, huh?
At least I managed to move the main fight away from Simone.
I just hope Darkdevil and April can hold out until I find a way to stop Fury.
Oh, great--it's pouring out here!
Now I can add pneumonia to my other woes.
On the plus side, I doubt my situation can't possibly get--

"--worse!"
You feeling any better, Wes?
CAFE INDIGO
EST. 1958
You had quite a scare earlier.
Man, you've got to be careful.
Anything happens to you, I'm going to need a new artist for our comic book.
I'll try to keep that in mind, Jimmy.
Whatever possessed you to try to rescue Simone?
I...I really don't know, Davida.
Just instinct, I guess.
I don't want you guys to get the wrong idea.
I'm no hero.
I'm so thankful Spider-Girl arrived in time to save me.
I'm surprised May isn't here. Has anyone seen her?
Not since that Goblin girl showed.
I did speak to her mom and she assured me Mayday's fine.
Tell us more about Spider-Girl, Wes. What's she like?
That's the funny part. There was something very familiar about her.
Seriously?
Tell you the truth, she kind of reminds me of--
Oh, man!
What is it, Wes? What's wrong?

GOTCHA!
Now you're going to pay for ruining my life.
I ruined your life?!
I was destined to be a queen--a ruler of the new order!
But you and your accursed father turned the Order of the Goblin against me--

--and forced me to wage war on my former comrades!
Oh! I get it now.

It's my fault you tried to kill Rene DeSantos and then took his daughter hostage.
Lady, you are one special kind of crazy!
THWAKKK!

Surprised--?!
Don't be! I'm a lot more flexible than you can possibly imagine.
B-but neither Venom nor Carnage could move like this!

They were only bonded with their symbiotes.
I'm a hybrid who was born with my powers.

MAFF
MAFF

PTTFFT
G-get away from me, you lunatics!
DADDY!
DAAA-DDDDY?!
That's Simone--!
Uhhhhh, Spider-Girl?
ARRRGH!
You really need to get over this stupid preoccupation with innocent civilians.
It makes you weak and pathetic--
--and oh-so-easy to manipulate!
That's part of the reason I set up the whole Gwen Reilly scenario.
Not only did I eliminate a potential rival, but I knew her brutal murder would distract you.
Imagine how you'll feel when I do the same to the DeSantos girl... your mother... and your baby brother.
KRAKA-BOOM!
I grew up with the classics and, like the furies of ancient mythology, I truly want you to suffer--
--and I intend to drive you stark raving MAD!

You're starting to annoy me.
POLICE
MIDTOWN SOUTH
In case you've forgotten, Detective Prasco, I'm the victim here.
I was just dropping my daughter off at school when that winged monster suddenly attacked me and flew off with my poor Simone.
And you have no idea why Fury specifically targeted you?
Absolutely not!
Why do you keep asking me these ridiculous questions when you should be out looking for my daughter?
Something's wrong about this guy, Captain Ruiz.
He's too calm for a man who just experienced so much trauma.
There's also something oddly familiar about his voice...
I'm sure I've heard it before.
This is not the first time Mr. DeSantos has had a brush with violent crime, Parker.
Used to be an assistant district attorney.
Quit shortly after his wife was gunned down in what appears to have been a mob hit.
If I read between the lines properly, I'd say there's a better than even chance that DeSantos eventually switched sides.
He currently runs a private investment group--
--which allegedly has ties to the underworld.
Hate to interrupt, Captain.
There's a Fed outside who insists on seeing you.
Tell him to grab a coffee. I'm in the middle of an interview.
DeSantos? DeSantos? Why do I know that-- of course!
His daughter attends school with May.
Sigh
Which means my daughter is probably in danger.

Please excuse me for barging in on you, Captain.
I'm afraid I must insist that you immediately terminate this interview.
On whose authority?
I am Special Agent Weadon and I have a federal court order directing you to hand over Rene DeSantos--
--and the body of a specific Jane Doe currently housed in your morgue.
What's this about, Weadon? Why is the government big-footing our cases?
I'm afraid I'm not at liberty to discuss that, Captain.
-HUFF-
Paperwork seems to be in order.
But I still don't understand why the government would interfere with a local murder investigation--
--or how that's related to DeSantos.
All I can say is that they are both tied to an international terrorist organization.
My special operatives are already on the case and will soon have the murderer or murderers in custody.
Your operatives?
You have operatives working in our jurisdiction?
In the interests of cooperation and to prevent us from accidentally arresting them, can you please tell us--

"--who are these operatives?"
You and Spider-Girl just don't get it, Darkdevil.
I have much more in common with Fury.
We're both lost girls who were robbed of their true destinies.
KRAAKK!
N-not true.
Not any longer.
What?
You now have a family.
People who love you.
Spider-Girl risked her life to save you.
You can't change the way you were BOM!---
--but you can choose the way you will live.
KRAKKK!
SCHWAFWOOOOOOSHH
DAAA-DDY!

Do you hear that poor girl screaming, Spider-Girl?
It's going to get worse.
Much, much WORSE!
No!
NO!
I'm running on empty--
--but I won't give up.
No matter how I feel about Simone personally.
T-this isn't working.
My punches lack any real power.
I'm finished--
and Fury knows it.
But I gotta find a way to hold on.
I just gotta.

--are you serious?
Don Silvio, are you telling me that you actually pulled the trigger on the Black Tarantula?
I had no choice, Marko.
The man invaded my home--my sanctuary!
He disrespected me--
"--So I was forced to retaliate!
"He only has himself to blame for all the destruction--
"--And casualties that result from the city-wide gang war that is destined to follow"

What's it going to be, lady?
Will you try to *transcend* your past--
--or remain *trapped* by it?
Help me!
PLEASE--!
Keep *screaming*, DeSantos!
It's music to my ears.
Although I'm a little surprised the *Spider-Clone* hasn't gotten around to killing you.
Spider-Clone--?!
Don't take it personal!
We all have our crosses.
Darkdevil, you need to protect Simone--!
Too late, Spidey.
The little lady's about to be *sliced* and *diced*.
AAAYIIII!

NOT--
--IF I--
--CAN TELEPORT--
--FAST ENOUGH.
IMPRESSIVE, DARKDEVIL...
BUT YOU'RE STILL AN AMATEUR--
--COMPARED TO ME.
HEY, FURY--
BEEP BEEP BEEP
CATCH!
H-HOW--?!
BWHOOOOMM!

That's what happens when you go hanging bombs around people's necks.
I told you I wasn't the clone--
--and you really should have *trusted* me.
And *now*...
I guess we cart you off to jail.

Sometime later...
Fury killed the girl who called herself Gwen Reilly?
Yeah, seemed proud of it, too.
Who was she, anyway?
Her real name's not important, but she might have had a claim to the Goblin dynasty.
What are we going to do about Fury?
She knows my secret identity.
Not a problem.
I already arranged with Weadon to drop her into a very deep hole.
Unfortunately, you now owe Weadon--
--and he always collects.
I guess I can live with that.
How about the cops? Are they still after me?
Afraid so.
What about Simone and her dad?
That will depend on him--
--and if he rolls over on the Goblin Cult.
I notice we keep dancing around your real problem.
You mean April?
She came through when it really counted.
Did she--?
What can I do, Kaine? She's blood.
Take it from someone who knows, kid.
There's a big difference between blood and family.
It's only a matter of time before she betrays you.

Shortly...
We did it, May.
We found out who killed Gwen Reilly and caught the bad guy.
I think I'm finally getting a handle on this whole hero thing.
Uhhhh... yeah.
Although we may still be facing a gang war.
One question, April--
--if you knew you could remove Fury's bomb, why didn't you do it earlier?
I...
...uhhhh...
...it just didn't occur to me.

I guess I still have a lot to learn.
Good thing I still have you to teach me.
THE END... FOR NOW!